

1963

Benedum Campus Community Center

This building was funded by the Benedum Foundation, which was started in 1944 by Michael Benedum, a native of Bridgeport, WV, to honor his son, Claude, who died in 1918 at age 20 in World War I.

Included were a post office, bowling alley, pool room, offices including the WWC Radio Station, a bookstore, a swimming pool, a Social Hall, and The Scow, where students gathered to play cards, socialize, eat snacks and listen to the jukebox.



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Holloway Hall

This residence hall was named for Bishop Fred Garrigus Holloway who was the first bishop of the West Virginia Annual Conference. He was also a trustee of the college, from 1961-68.



1964

Paul G. Benedum Hall

This residence hall was opened as New Hall and was renamed for Paul G. Benedum, Sr., in 1973. Paul G. Benedum, Sr., was the nephew of Michael Benedum. He served as the President of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation from 1959-77. He also served on the WVW College Board of Trustees from 1951-73, and was awarded an Honorary Degree in 1951. He was a founder of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was a director and national treasurer of that organization until his death in 1977.

The Nellie Wilson Lounge is located on the first floor.



1967

Wesley Chapel and the Martin Religious Center

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, and Stanley H. Martin, President of the college from 1957-72 are honored with this building. Wesley's desire for the uniting of knowledge and piety inspired not only the naming of this building, but also served as an important goal for the college community as a whole. Martin, our longest-serving president to date, is largely credited with creating a campus Master Plan (1958), that has guided the development and style of all buildings ever since. An ordained Methodist minister, he taught Religious Education at the School of Theology at Boston University and served as the first Dean of Marsh Chapel at that institution before coming to Wesleyan.



1967

Christopher Hall of Science

By the 1960s, Haymond Hall of Science facilities had become outdated. After hearing a sermon by President Stanley Martin at Wesley Methodist Church in Morgantown, Mabel Neville Christopher (1918) and her husband, Frank, a mine owner in the Scotts Run area, gave a substantial gift toward a new science building in memory of their son, Ward, who had died in an automobile accident in 1962.

Hyma Auditorium, the Planetarium, and the George Rossbach Herbarium are located in this building.



1972

Middleton Hall

Middleton Hall was built to house the Nursing Department. It was named in memory of Bishop W. Vernon Middleton, who served the Western Pennsylvania Conference from 1960 until his death in 1968. He spoke on our campus many times.

